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For Unto Us A Child Is Born  
*Isaiah 9:6*



**From The Humblest of Places Came the Greatest of Joys**

**STATE DEPUTY**

**JIM NEFF**

Dear Brother Knights and Families:

Carolyn and I wish all a most blessed Christmas. We pray that all will share in the joy and hope that the birth of the Christ child has manifested upon mankind for over two thousand years. We are truly blessed to have our faith, church, families and friends that are so much more meaningful than anything that can ever be provided by the material world.

In the first five months of this year, our blessings and accomplishments have been many. All seminarians and two discerners are sponsored at least once via the RSVP. We have committed to Bishop Taylor that we will sponsor each seminarian twice this academic year which, with the help of a few more councils and assemblies, we will accomplish. We have placed our first ultra sound under the "Voice for the Unborn" Program. This proactive program protects the life of the unborn. Women with problem pregnancies overwhelmingly choose to carry their babies to term after seeing them on an ultrasound. Many councils have initiated and completed baby bottle campaigns that have significantly increased our ability to place more ultrasounds and consequently save more lives.

We celebrated the chartering of our newest council, the Holy Martyrs of Vietnam Council 14774 in Barling on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Assembly 0024 welcomed our new Brother Knights with an Honor Guard at Mass celebrated by pastor Fr. Henry Mischkowsiuski and assisted by council chaplain Fr. Peter Le. I have had the honor to participate in three new council chartering celebrations during my seventeen month watch.

But my greatest honor has been to present nine of twelve **Star Council** plaques with the last three scheduled for December. It is a humbling experience to witness the pride and commitment to Charity, Fraternity and Unity evident in these **Star** performers. Your Arkansas Jurisdiction is solid, committed and growing with numerous councils eagerly striving to become the best they can be. Our Mid-Year meeting for our District Deputies will be the first week in December, the purpose of which is to provide the District Deputies all the support they need to assist in your council's growth and development. I can assure you that they and I are committed to each council's achievement; you only need to ask for assistance.

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All of our accomplishments have their roots in our works of charity. Being witness to the boundless energy our Arkansas Brother Knights and their families devote to charitable good works is a most rewarding experience. The beauty of our noble Order is that the time we dedicate to these charitable good works becomes our every day existence, our modus operandi and our creed. Our Catholic

Faith teaches us that when there is a need, we should respond with love and charity. I am proud that the Knights of Columbus carry the Christmas messages of love, joy and peace all year long. I challenge all to offer our heritage of giving to a potential new member this Christmas season by asking him to join the Order.

Again, Carolyn and I wish all our Knights of Columbus families a blessed and joyful Christmas. And we extend our sincere thanks for sharing with us the true meaning of Christmas.....all year.....every day...and every Knight.

Jim Neff  
Vivat Jesus

**VOCATION CHAIRMAN**  
**PETER McNULTY**

November was a very good month – I made a visit to the “ENCUENTRO” celebration and had a very rewarding experience. It gave me a chance to visit with our Bishop Anthony Taylor and Msgr. Scott Friend and both expressed their gratitude to the Knights of Columbus for their support of our Diocesan Seminarians. I had the additional pleasure of meeting and talking with our seminarians in the “Discernment House” in Little Rock and one of our deacons, Ruben Quinteros. Ruben will be one of the five (5) seminarians who will be ordained in 2010.

I have sent out letters to several Grand Knights, requesting their updating the data on the seminarian listing and support. I have had response from about 30% so far. I will be sending letters to the rest of the Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators during December and January. I am asking – pleading – for your response to complete my records, which in turn, will update Msgr. Friend. Msgr. Friend has some seminarians needing additional support and has asked my help to inform Councils and Assemblies as to this need and provide it where possible. The updates you all supply me are crucial to completing this most worthy task.

Our Holy Days are upon us and I am praying and wishing each and everyone a very joyful Christmas tide. Please keep in mind all our seminarians. Remember, some will not be home with their families. We have several from South America, several from Africa, and a couple from Mexico. Keep them in your prayers and communicate with them – Christmas cards from the councils and families of the councils and assemblies can do the same.

Our Diocese is blessed in having so many seminarians and as our Diocese is blessed, so are we. We can see that the future of our Faith and Church is secure as these young men travel the road to Ordination.

Let us all be grateful for the Ordination of Josh Stengel to Transitional Deacon last October in Rome and look forward to his Ordination to the priesthood in Subiaco Abby on July 17, 2010.

I want to wish that each of you and your families have a very blessed and joyful Christmas. We celebrate a Birth that would be the redemption of mankind – what a wonderful gift from our Heavenly Father! God bless you all as we look forward to a year, prayerfully, of good health and happiness.

## **DIRECTOR OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD AT 40 DAYS FOR LIFE BIRTHPLACE RESIGNS AFTER WATCHING ABORTION ULTRASOUND**

### **PLANNED PARENTHOOD SEEKS RESTRAINING ORDER By Kathleen Gilbert**

BRYAN, Texas, November 2, 2009 (LifeSiteNews.com) - The director of the Texas Planned Parenthood abortion mill where the 40 Days for Life campaign began has resigned, saying she experienced a conversion after watching an ultrasound video of a child being killed by abortion.

“I just thought I can’t do this anymore, and it was just like a flash that hit me and I thought that’s it,” said Abby Johnson in an interview with local news network KBTX 3.

Johnson had been affiliated with Bryan’s Planned Parenthood facility for eight years, and worked as its director for two. She said she began to feel uncomfortable with Planned Parenthood’s business philosophy after the organization, suffering from the economic downturn, told her to try to bring more abortions in the door. “The money wasn’t in family planning, the money wasn’t in prevention, the money was in abortion and so I had a problem with that,” said Johnson.

But the turning point for Johnson was reportedly when she witnessed an actual ultrasound image of an abortion being performed on an unborn child.

“I feel so pure in heart. I don’t have this guilt, I don’t have this burden on me anymore,” said Johnson. “And that’s how I know that this conversion was a spiritual conversion.”

Johnson resigned on October 6th, near the beginning of Bryan’s sixth annual 40 Days for Life campaign, and she has since joined up with the nearby Coalition for Life to begin praying near her old workplace. Coalition for Life is the local group that began 40 Days for Life, the national prayer and fasting campaign that was ongoing at the time of Johnson’s resignation.

“This is by far the most amazing thing that has happened to the Coalition for Life throughout its entire history ... we thank God!” wrote Coalition for Life director Shawn Carney, who has been working with Johnson since her resignation, on the group’s website.

40 Days for Life national director David Bereit said that Johnson’s “amazing conversion demonstrates the importance of a constant, peaceful prayer presence in front of abortion facilities.”

“From that first campaign in 2004, we’ve prayed for Abby - and for all abortion workers - that they would come to see what abortion really is, and that they would leave the deadly business. In this case,

those prayers have been answered,” said Bereit. “We are so proud of Abby’s courage to leave the abortion industry and publicly announce her reasons for leaving.”

The story is receiving broad attention after it was posted on the Drudge Report website today.

Planned Parenthood reacted with legal action on Friday by filing for a temporary restraining order, seeking to prevent Johnson and the Coalition for Life from disclosing confidential information. “We regret being forced to turn to the courts to protect the safety and confidentiality of our clients and staff; however, in this instance it is absolutely necessary,” said Planned Parenthood in a statement.

A hearing for the restraining order has been set for November 10.

Johnson is one of eight abortion industry workers who left their jobs during the fifth coordinated 40 Days for Life campaign that concluded yesterday in 212 cities. She was the highest-ranking of the eight. Others who quit their clinic jobs included nurses, office staffers and security personnel.

In addition, a Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Kalispell, Montana announced that it will close its doors on November 20, citing a decline in business as the reason for the closure. That clinic was the site of a 40 Days for Life prayer vigil this past spring.

## **PROLIFE REPORT DECEMBER 2009**

**FRED HART**

Despite the continued rhetoric about “diversity” and “multiculturalism”, the reality is that Judeo-Christian values are under attack both culturally and legally. A good illustration of this phenomenon is Belmont Abbey College a small 130 year old Benedictine School in North Carolina. Recently, the administration of the college removed contraception, abortion and voluntary sterilization from the faculty health care plan after discovering that it had inadvertently been part of the coverage up until then. The school, consequentially, is under assault from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) which claims that the change is evident of gender discrimination by the school. This notwithstanding the fact the policy applies evenhandedly to male and female faculty members. Under the brave new world which is rapidly emerging, practicing your faith is invidious discrimination, at least if your faith happens to be traditional Christianity. So much for the First Amendments right to free exercise of religion. Unfortunately, this type of oppression is not unique and it is increasing. The sacrament of Confirmation gave each one of us the grace to witness to the truth of Christ’s teaching in both our private and in our public life. If the trend which Belmont Abbey College illustrates continues on the present trajectory, and all indications are that it will, we may, be called on to invoke the grace of that Sacrament and to witness to the truth of the Church.

Fred Hart

## **STATE SECRETARY**

**CHARLES KETTER**

It is hard to believe half of the fraternal year is over. Thanksgiving has just passed and the celebration of Our Savior's birth is near. We have so much to be thankful for. The best way to thank Jesus is to share your faith and fraternity with every good catholic man you know. By sharing with your catholic brothers you are also making his family life better for him and his family. Christ has no hands and no feet but yours so let's use them to power the tools He gave us. One of the most powerful tools is the Knights of Columbus. Ask someone you know and care about to become a Knight. The best friends I have are those I have asked to join the Knights of Columbus. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Recently I was watching EWTN and the priest made a comment that struck home. He said "Let us not forget the first coming of Christ so we do not regret the second coming." Do all you can for your family your priest and everyone less fortunate than us. As we prepare for this special event let us never forget in is about our Savior. May you have a very Blessed Christmas and the best New Year ever.

I would like to thank everyone for the chance to serve you as State Secretary. Thanks for all your help in getting Info in for the state directory and you timely reporting of Persons with Disability campaign. Thanks for all who care about the culture of life through the baby bottle drive the just ask campaign. The pennies from heaven account has been very busy which shows Knights in Arkansas are a very caring group who have the care of their fellow man in their heart. May God bless you for all your hard work.

One final thought Let' not forget our priests and religious and your seminarians. These are special people who have answered Gods call to serve us.

## **PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES**

**GEORGE KNOX**

**DISABILITY DRIVE DIRECTOR**

December is the final month of this year's Program for People with Intellectual Disabilities. Most Councils participating in this annual charitable drive have conducted and concluded their activities in October or November. However, it's not too late to pursue an activity. Councils can engage in an activity for the benefit of the intellectually challenged during the month December.

During December, Councils should submit the Net Profit (total proceeds less expenses) to State Secretary Charles Ketter, who will return checks to you payable to the community organizations designated by your Council. A portion (15%) of the funds collected is directed to the ARC summer camp; the charities designated in the individual Council's immediate community continue to receive the bulk (85%) of the net proceeds. The use of Form #2 previously mailed to the Grand Knights, to submit the proceeds checks to State Secretary Ketter will facilitate the process.

I want to convey to you my deep appreciation and gratitude to all who labored in the name of this worthy charitable endeavor. These few words cannot adequately express the feeling of Christian joy felt

when I think of those who gave so freely of their time and energies to the aid of those less fortunate.

Thank you, and God Bless you,  
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**PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES DRIVE - 2009  
COUNCILS PARTICIPATING.**

<b>Pine Bluff Council 01153</b> .....	Donation of \$50.00
<b>St. Mary's Council 01713 Paragould</b> .....	Donation of \$50.00
<b>St. Edward's Council 02650 Texarkana</b> .....	Net Profit \$2,678.94
<b>Pocahontas Council 02443</b> .....	Unknown
<b>Clarksville Council 05725</b> .....	Unknown
<b>Father James P. McDonnel Council 06253 North Little Rock</b> .....	Net Profit of \$1,200.00
<b>Hot Springs Council 06419</b> .....	Unknown
<b>Fr. MacCauley Council 06609 Fayetteville</b> .....	Unknown
<b>Rogers Council 06834</b> .....	Unknown
<b>Msgr. A.P. Gallagher Council 07258 Mena</b> .....	Unknown
<b>The Fisherman Council 07353 Mountain Home</b> .....	Unknown
<b>Adam A. Micek Council 08410 Harrison</b> .....	Unknown
<b>Benton Council 09363</b> .....	Unknown
<b>St. Michael Council 09777 Van Buren</b> .....	Unknown
<b>Daniel P. Sullivan Council 10208 Hot Springs Village</b> .....	Unknown
<b>Fr. Conan Mowhorr Council 10493 Horseshoe Bend</b> .....	Net Profit \$647.06
<b>St. Mary's Council 10908 St. Vincent</b> .....	Net Profit \$324.00
<b>St. Jude's Council 11604 Jacksonville</b> .....	Unknown
<b>St. Raphael Council 12082 Springdale</b> .....	Unknown
<b>St. Stephen Council 12458 Bentonville</b> .....	Unknown
<b>Karl Christ Jr. Council 12778 Heber Springs</b> .....	Unknown
<b>Divine Mercy Council 13289 Siloam Springs</b> .....	Unknown
<b>St. Mary's Council 14010 Altus</b> .....	Unknown
<b>Abbott Raphael DeSalvo Council 14619 Scranton</b> .....	Donation of \$50.00
<b>Helena Council 17070</b> .....	Unknown

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

### JOAN WITT

Joan Witt, wife of Past State Deputy David Witt, went to her eternal reward on November 3, 2009.

### GEORGE DAILY

Sir Knight George Daily, member Pius XII Council 00996 Fort Smith, went to his eternal reward on November 10, 2009.

## NOTICE:

**Please try to send your newsletter reports and messages to John Hollender, Newsletter Editor, by Sunday, December 20, 2009, for the January 2010 Newsletter. Please e-mail to [johnh911@conwaycorp.net](mailto:johnh911@conwaycorp.net).**

# Reports Due

<b>FORM</b>	<b>REPORT</b>	<b>DUE BY</b>
1295-1	SEMIANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT REPORT	15-Aug
1295-2	SEMIANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT REPORT	15-Feb
1598	FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP SCORE SHEET	AS NEEDED
1728	INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY REPORT	31-Jan
1728A	SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET	AS NEEDED
1831	RELIEF FROM COUNCIL DUES AND PER CAPITA TAXES	AS NEEDED
185	REPORT OF OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR TERM JULY 1-JUNE 30	1-Jul
1993A	FAMILY OF THE MONTH GENERIC REPORT FORM	AS NEEDED
2629	NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ROUND TABLE COORDINATOR	1-Sep
2630	ANNUAL REPORT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROUND TABLE	30-Jun
2863	RSVP REFUND/PLAQUE APPLICATION	30-Jun
2935	COLUMBIAN SQUIRES INQUIRY KIT ORDER FORM	AS NEEDED
365	SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONNEL REPORT FOR THE TERM JULY 1-JUNE 30	1-Aug
4001	SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST PARTICIPATION FORM	31-Jan
4348	YOUTH LEADER	AS NEEDED
4371	FATHER PRIOR	AS NEEDED
4567	SOCCER CHALLENGE PARTICIPATION REPORT FORM	1-Dec
4584	PARTNERSHIP PROFILE REPORT WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS	31-Jan
532	REQUISITION FOR FIRST DEGREE CEREMONIALS	AS NEEDED
CR	OFFICIAL ORDER FORM FOR RECORDED COLUMBUS DAY PROGRAM	15-Sep
EA-Kit	ESSAY CONTEST KIT ORDER FORM	AS NEEDED
FT- 1	FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION REPORT	31-Jan
FT-KIT	FREE THROW COUNCIL COMPETITION KIT ORDER FORM	1-Nov
SA-KIT	SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST KIT ORDER FORM	1-Sep
SC-KIT	SOCCER CHALLENGE KIT ORDER FORM	15-Aug
SP-7	COLUMBIAN AWARD APPLICATION	30-Jun
STSP	STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS ENTRY FORM	AS NEEDED

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